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From: Johnson, Kathleen
Sent: Tue 8/19/2014 11:13:42 PM
Subject: RE: update: Bay Delta

Ah thanks for the intel. It may be hard to remain mum.

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Just so you know, the additional person they are bringing with them – Karla Nemeth – has been the DWR Deputy in charge of the BDCP almost since the beginning.

So they will have the entire state and water exporter community for the BDCP effort at our meeting on Monday.

Wonder what they'll want to discuss?

From: Johnson, Kathleen
Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2014 3:54 PM
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Cc: Quast, Sylvia; Goforth, Kathleen; Hagler, Tom; Kemmerer, John; Vendlinski, Tim; Skophammer, Stephanie; Foresman, Erin
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Jared,

We had a good meeting today with the Federal Lead Agencies which included Will Stelle, Letty Belin and senior career staff from NOAA, FWS, BOR and DOI. The feds will likely announce their intent to do a Supplement in a Federal Register notice, but will likely send us a one-liner email in advance of that. As soon as we have the email, we can send them our cover letter and detailed comments. You have a draft of the letter as does Susan Bromm. Hopefully, we will get an email from Will in the next few days and we can then send our comment letter. (We have to get the email by Aug 29th the expiration of the extended comment period.)

We discussed our concerns and recommendations for the Supplement. Of course the big ticket item is that they need to show that the project will meet water quality standards – including the flow standards designed to protect fish. Will said that they have been working on a “Flow Project” which is a multi-headed effort to add water to the delta over a period of years. He did give us a heads up that although they have this roughly sketched out – they certainly do not have (and don’t expect to have) a lot of details to put in the Supplement. So the likely big issue for us going forward is that we have modeling and other data which indicate standards will not be met and species will continue to decline – offset by some fairly vague programs to improve habitat and add more water over time.

As you may know, the Water interests met with Bob P. a few weeks ago and he may have suggested that they meet with you. That meeting is now set for Monday with reps from Kern County, Metropolitan Water Dt and Westlands. Sylvia, John K (for Jane), Tim V., Tom H., Kathy and me will attend with you. As we are still technically in the public comment period – we should approach this as a listening session only.

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